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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoko ASAKURA, et al.

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METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS, AND METHOD OF PREPARING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTED AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a two month extension of time be granted to July 10, 2004 for

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	filing a response to the Official Action dated: February 10, 2004
	responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
	filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
	responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
	filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
	filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$420.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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